

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING BETH BARTKE AS THE  
2020 WOMAN OF THE YEAR

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Beth Bartke, whom I have named the 2020 Woman of the Year in Contra Costa County, California. Woman of the Year recognizes women who have made important contributions to California's 5th Congressional District in Arts and Culture, Professional Achievement, Entrepreneurship and Innovation or Community Service.

Although she is proud to call Martinez home, Mrs. Bartke was born in Pasadena and spent most of her youth in San Fernando and Santa Rosa, initially coming to our district to pursue a degree in elementary education from Sonoma State University. She could not bring herself to leave its natural beauty and tight knit community, choosing to settle in the district permanently.

Dedicating her time and effort to the community she holds dear; she served on the Hercules City Council from 1992 to 1996 and was a ten-year board member for the Commissioner's Advisory Panel for the Rodeo-Hercules Fire Protection District and a thirteen year employee of the Pinole Police Department. Even in her retirement, Mrs. Bartke is committed to public safety and regularly volunteers with both the Pinole and Martinez Police Departments while simultaneously working to enhance community recognition and appreciation of our first responders throughout the district.

Beyond the time she gives to city government, Mrs. Bartke also works with our community's homeless population, operating showers and serving meals to a multitude of non-profits. She also participates in the torch relay for the Special Olympics, a tradition she carries on every June. Mrs. Bartke is relentless in always finding a way to serve our community.

Mrs. Bartke's selflessness and commitment to service can in part be attributed to her faith. The Bartke Family are members of the Creekside Church and the tenets of Mrs. Bartke's faith have guided her professional and private life. There is no doubt that Mrs. Bartke has had a great impact on so many members of our community.

Our community is immeasurably better for all of Mrs. Bartke's contributions and it is therefore fitting and proper that we honor her here today as Contra Costa's 2020 Woman of the Year.

BRIEN WALL

**HON. MICHAEL F. DOYLE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Brien Wall, a constituent, a 25-year Allegheny County Democratic Committee member, and a lifelong Pittsburgh area resident, who unexpectedly passed away on Saturday, March 6, 2021, in Fort Myers, Florida.

Born on July 5, 1948, in Pittsburgh, Brien was a proud graduate of South Hills Catholic High School. He also graduated from Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP), graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics as part of the class of 1970. A dedicated alumni of IUP, he was instrumental in founding IUP's Center for Family Business. Committed to the preservation of the family business as the basic element of the American free enterprise system, his leadership helped shape the underlying mission of IUP's Center for Family Business and enhanced its reputation greatly.

Brien was a veteran of the United States Army. He was drafted immediately after college and was selected to serve as a military policeman at the United States Military Academy at West Point, where he held a top-secret clearance.

A Certified Family Business Specialist at Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company for 23 years, Mr. Wall dedicated his professional career to solving problems for clients. Recognized nationally for his work, Brien was one of only 250 employees throughout the country to receive the Family Business Specialist designation, and he was one of only ten agents named to the Mass Mutual Life Insurance Company Master's Club out of 4,000 agents across the nation.

Brien was also an active community leader, giving back as much as he could. He was a founding member of, and served as the finance chairman for, Allegheny Health Choices, and he was a member of both the Three Rivers Labor Management Committee and the Eberly College of Business advisory council. He also served on the board of the St. Francis Health Foundation, where he was awarded the "Courage to Come Back Award."

Brien is survived by his loving wife of 44 years, Patricia Ann; children, Brien, Erin, and Sean; grandsons, Brien and Robert; and many family members and friends.

Brien Wall was a good man, whose impact was felt throughout our region and by every person who was blessed to meet him. On behalf of the 18th Congressional District, I want to celebrate the contributions Brien made throughout his life. He will be greatly missed.

CELEBRATING HARVEY SOLWAY  
ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 70TH  
BIRTHDAY

**HON. HALEY M. STEVENS**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 70th birthday of Mr. Harvey Solway of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, who reached this milestone on March 24th.

Harvey has spent his long and loving life dedicated to his beloved family and countless friends. He has maintained a vibrant career as the successful Chief Executive Officer of Pet Supplies Plus, and now investment enterprises.

Harvey's family encouraged friends around the country to write to him and share a favorite memory, and I would like to include mine here for this record.

It is well known that the first time I met Harvey Solway was when I was in high school, and I entered his house after school with his daughter, Allison, one of my best friends. I mistakenly thought he was asking me how my day went, when in fact, he was speaking to his wife. My precocious seventeen-year-old self responded that I was exasperated to find out that a government education program for young adults had concluded its application period, and that I had missed the deadline.

While Allison regales many with this story frequently, what many do not know is that Harvey Solway was one of the first people to encourage my run for Congress.

Harvey has lent generous wisdom and counsel to many aspiring young professionals. He does so without seeking credit or attention, but because he likes to contribute to the better outcomes of those around him. Today, I am pleased to celebrate my friend, Harvey, on his birthday. I am glad that he got to spend this milestone day with his loving wife, Nancy, by his side. Here's to many more.

RECOGNIZING PLACE OF HOPE  
AND ITS FOUNDER AND CEO,  
CHARLES BENDER FOR 20 YEARS  
OF SUPPORTING SURVIVORS OF  
ABUSE, NEGLECT, HOMELESS-  
NESS, AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING

**HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 26, 2021*

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, as a member of the House of Representatives, I take any example of abuse to our citizens extremely seriously. It is incumbent on the entire United States Congress to do our part to tackle this problem. For two decades, Place of Hope and its founder and CEO, Charles Bender, have taken the baton and run its share of the race. Entering its 20th year, the organization continues to do phenomenal work in one part of our pursuit of a more perfect union.

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